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H.Res. 1063 – Marking the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris of 1783, which ended the Revolutionary War with the Kingdom of Great Britain and recognized the independence of the United States of America, and acknowledging the shared values and close friendship between the peoples and governments of the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1063 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative David Wu (D-OR) on March 31, 2008. The House Committee on Foreign Affairs agreed to the resolution by unanimous consent on April 30, 2008.

H.Res. 1063 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 10, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1063 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Marks the 225th anniversary of relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Great Britain;
- Recognizes that the Kingdom of Great Britain's recognition of the United States was an important event in the history of the Nation;
- Reaffirms the value of the deep friendship that has developed between our two countries since the signing of the Treaty of Paris; and
- Looks forward to a continued and strengthened relationship between the British and American people.

BACKGROUND

The Treaty of Paris was signed on September 3, 1783 and formally ended the American Revolutionary War. The Treaty also recognized the thirteen colonies as free and sovereign States and established the States' boundaries. The American Revolutionary War began in 1775 and cost approximately 92,000 American lives.

Today, the United Kingdom is a major ally of the United States' military efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, the United Kingdom is also a close economic partner of the United States. The UK is the sixth largest trading partner of the United States, as well as the largest foreign direct investor in the United States.

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